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## **General Land Office Awards \$10 Million For Coastal Preservation Projects**

19 projects will help improve public access, ecological habitats, and coastal resiliency

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Austin — The Texas General Land Office (GLO) has awarded \$10 million for projects across nine coastal counties through its Coastal Management Program (CMP) Grant Cycle 27.

Twelve of these projects, approximating \$2 million in federal funds, will improve the management of the state's coastal resources and ensure the long-term ecological and economic productivity of the coast using National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) funds. The projects awarded will add amenities for greater beach access in several locations, as well as provide greater resources to collect critical information for coastal management databases.

The other seven "Projects of Special Merit" will receive approximately \$8 million in state funds through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. The bulk of these projects will provide money for continued partnerships between the GLO, partner agencies and research universities to update coastal wetland maps and construct a living shoreline to enhance the overall resiliency of the coast.

The CMP focuses on four primary issues of concern to coastal communities: public access enhancement, data collection, coastal hazard and resiliency planning, and coastal resource improvements.

More information on the GLO's CMP grant application process can be found <a href="here">here</a>. A list of counties and projects receiving grants can be found <a href="here">here</a>.